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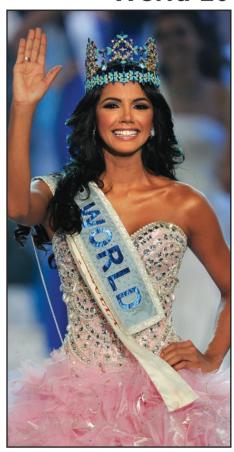
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Miss Venezuela wins Miss World 2011



LONDON (AFP) - Miss Venezuela, Ivian Lunasol Sarcos Colimenares, was crowned the 2011 winner of the Miss World beauty pageant at a glittering final ceremony in London on Sunday. Miss Philippines, Gwendoline Gaelle Sandrine Ruais, was named the runner-up, while Miss Puerto Rico, Amanda Victoria Vilanova Perez, came third.

Sarcos Colimenares, 22, who works for a broadcasting company and has a degree in human resources, gasped and threw her hands to her face as she was announced the winner.

Some 113 beauty queens from Albania to Zimbabwe took their place on the stage, with the show being broadcast live to an estimated audience of more than one billion viewers in 150 countries.

AFP photo depicts Miss Venezuela, Ivian Sarcos, waves after winning Miss World

2011 at Earls Court in London, on November 6, 2011. The glitz and glamour of Miss World returned to its British home to celebrate the global beauty contest's 60th birthday.

ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week was a unique experience



Kathy Hilton and collection with a perfect sunset. (see story and photos on pg 4)

Greek PM steps down for unity government

ATHENS (AFP) - Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou on Sunday agreed to step down and political leaders will meet today to form a new unity government to end the political crisis, the president's office said.

The deal was reached after a meeting lasting nearly two hours between Papandreou, main opposition leader Antonis Samaras and President Carolos Papoulias, the Greek head of state.

"An agreement was reached to form a new government to immediately lead the country to elections after ratifying the decisions taken by the European Council on October 26," the president's office said in a statement.

This is a reference to a hard-fought EU deal reducing Greece's monster debt by nearly a third that had been placed in jeopardy by the political uncertainty in Athens,

with European leaders threatening to withhold loan funds shielding the country from a looming bankruptcy.

"Prime Minister George Papandreou has already stated that he will not lead the new government," the president's statement added.

"Tomorrow there will be a new communication between

the prime minister and the head of the opposition on the new prime minister and the new government.

"Tomorrow the president will hold a meeting between political leaders," it added.

The Communist party immediately announced they would boycott Monday's talks





Aruban Haping Lee, student at UCF makes a presentation at conference in Amsterdam



From L to R: Haping Lee, Dr. Coombs, Dr. Holladay

Haping Lee is currently studying for her master's degree in Mass Communication at University of Central Florida (UCF) as a particiof pant the Latin America/Caribbean Scholarship Program with the assistance of Aruba Scholarship Foundation. She was selected to present her research paper in collaboration with Dr. Sherry Holladay at the first International Corporate Social Responsibility conference in Amsterdam held Oct

26th to Oct 28th, 2011. The conference was a gathering of scholars and industry practitioners for discussing Corporate social responsibility. One of the goals of the conference was to connect the research work of social scientists with real industry practitioners. Haping was selected to present her work in front of her peers and industry consultants. With the sponsorship of the UCF Graduate Studies and the Nicholson School of Com-

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munication, Haping was able to participate and represent her school UCF.

The title of her research paper is "Promotcorporate philanthropic efforts through social media." It is a study on how Fortune 100 companies report their philanthropic efforts through social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. She says she learned a lot during those two days and is currently working with Dr. Holladay to have her conference paper published in a

scholarly journal. The paper's co-author Dr. Holladay is a well respected scholar with over 15 years of experience in the field of communication in specific crisis communication and corporate social responsibility. She and her husband

Dr. Timothy Coombs have cooperated on several scholarly papers and books. Dr. Holladay is the co-author of Managing Corporate Social Responsibility: A Communication Approach, PR Strategy and Application: Managing Influence, The Handbook of Communication (Handbooks in Communication and Media) and many more. As for the future haping would like to continue doing research, produce great work and possibly pursue a PhD in communication. Haping is thankful to Aruba Scholarship Foundation for the academic opportunities she has received.

If you want to know more about Aruba Scholarship Foundation and the LAC program, please contact clydeharms@yahoo.com.

Petition for Selling Permit of Christmas Trees



Chief Commisioner of Police Mr. A.E. Richardson is advising all merchants who plan to sell Christmas trees during the end of the year holidays to remember to present a petition on time to obtain their permit to sell Christmas Trees in the vicinity of their estab-

lishment/business or at whichever other property. Keep in mind that all petition MUST be presented at the least 10 working days beforehand.

When presenting the petition one must also present a valid identification copy and a stamp worth Afl 4. Petitions can be presented at all 4 KPA districts.

Chief Commisioner of Police mr. A.E. Richardson





Barcadera Wharf can become hub for containers from Europe destined for Latin America



Aruba is currently deliberating with Dutch concerns in Holland to encourage them to use the Barcadera Wharf here to store their containers until these can be readied for shipment to Latin America. Currently these containers are being stored on the wharf in Rotterdam, while the possibility for them to be stored

here is available to them and at considerably lower cost. Making use of Aruba as a hub will generate income and provide jobs for our people here

According to Minister Sievinger, the government is contemplating what to do with the third economic pillar....technology. Within this context, says Sievinger, we have developed a new relationship with Holland, the Dutch Kingdom and the European Union. He said that Aruba's geographical location offers Dutch and European companies possibility for doing business with Latin America via Aruba.

He sited Brazil, which is a very large and thriving market that is quickly becoming a major force in the world. In this context the government of Aruba is stimulating different companies in Europe to come and establish here and from here they would be able to do business very easily with Lartin America.

According to Sievinger, about 20% of the cargo being exported from Holland goes to Latin America, particularly to Brazil. Several companies will not take the risk to send their cargo to Brazil and from their to the open market. They keep their cargo stored

on the wharf in Rotterdam. Aruba, however, sees the possibility for this cargo to come here and be stored here. And as soon as the countries in Latin America, whether that is Colombia, Brazil or other countries, are ready for their products, it will be transported from Aruba.

Obviously, the cargo will

be much closer to Latin America from Aruba and the price for container storage is much less expensive here than the prices being paid in Euros in Holland. This is what the Aruba government is busy with now, to stimulate this type of business for Aruba. The moving of the

wharf and the free zone will create more economic opportunities for Aruba, according to Minister Sievinger.

Sievinger explained that the deliberations are very advanced and that they are now in the Phase of providing information to the many interparties. ested The government is engaged in the "one-stop-shop" concept to facilitate the procedures. Aruba is accelerating the agenda and creating the atmosphere for companies to decide to come and establish here. Every effort is being made to make this next economic pillar a reality for Aruba.



ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week was a unique experience



Designer Marcelo Quadro and his Aruba collection

ARUBA IN STYLE offered the opportunity for vacationing fashionistas to not only the savor the island's beautiful beaches, but to enjoy the glamour of fashion week runways and the opportunity to meet an international coterie of celebrity designers at the various social events.

Saturday's events truly conveyed the international flavor of the event, opening with the Dutch Designers Marga Weimans, Mattijs van Bergen, Edwin Oudshoorn, Anne Bosman, Linda de Jong and Sanne Schepers. Brazildesigner Marcelo Quadros created a collection especially for the AIS, showcasing soft feminine resort wear and "the colors of the tropics." This was followed by "A Special Occasion with Kathy Hilton" at sunset in the Fiesta Garden of the Renaissance Convention Center, where the fledgling American designer revealed her cocktail dresses and formal gowns.

The glittering events attracted a great deal of popular media, including Senior Features Editor of inTouch Weekly, Amy Oseikin, who was attending not as media, but simply a guest. "I personally consider this an ideal venue for a fashion week, and it will attract many who would care to go to the New York and other fashion weeks, but can't, as they are by invitation only," she commented. "I have been vacationing with my family on Aruba for years, and would normally have come around holiday time, but my family and I were so excited about the fashion week; we figured I couldn't miss this!"





Minister Oduber chats with Rick and Kathy Hilton



Marcelo Quadro and AIS founder Damalice Mansur



a fan meets his designer idol Edwin Oudshoorn





From L to R: Beautifully feminine fashions from Edwin Oudshoorn; Shimmering prismatics from Mattijs van Bergen; soft, free flowing designs from







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Tracy and Brad say YES, on the beautiful island of Aruba



Whitenack and Brad Camilleri decided to profess their love for each other on the beautiful island of Aruba.

Traci and Brad reside in Rocky Point, Long Island, New York. They are both 32 years old. Brad is the tournament director and aspiring golf professional at a golf facility in New York and Traci is a Master Stylist.

Traci Brad were high school sweethearts for a about one year during the time period when they were 16 years old. As time passed, they went their separate ways each leading their own lives. In the fall of 2010 they ran into each other re-established their relationship. From the time they reunited, they knew they were in love again and were destined to be to-

gether again. Shortly thereafter they knew they wanted to get married.

They selected the island of Aruba for their wedding nuptials simply because of the unparalleled beauty of the island. There is no place in the world that has more beauty or peace, and they felt this would be an excellent





start of their lives together.

Brad and Traci hired Ms. Lampe of Celebrations and Ceremonies as the wedding coordinator to assist with all of the wedding arrangements. Ms. Lampe did a fabulous job with all of the wedding arrangements. They were married at the civil house in Oranjestad followed by a beach blessing and wedding reception on Manchebo Resort beach. They are honeymooning at the Aruba Beach Club and after they are off to Atlantic City.

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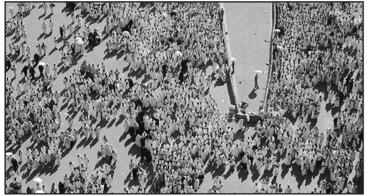
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International News

Pilgrims stone Satan in most dangerous hajj rite



MINA (AFP) - Almost three million Muslim pilgrims massed on Sunday in a valley near the Saudi holy city of Mina to stone pillars representing Satan, the last and most dangerous rite of the annual hajj.

Hundreds of people have been trampled to death in stampedes which have blighted several previous pilgrimages to Islam's holiest sites when the faithful rush to hurl stones at huge pillars symbolising the devil.

To complete the ritual, pil-

grims must throw seven pebbles at each of three 25-metre (82-foot) pillars on the first day of the three-day Eid al-Adha feast marking the end of the hajj, and another seven on each of the last two days.

Saudi authorities have installed a multi-level walkway through the site in a bid to avoid the trampling that caused the deaths of 364 people in 2006, 251 in 2004 and 1,426 in 1990.

So far, no major incidents have been reported among the pilgrims, which the Saudi sta-

tistics office said numbered 2.93 million this year. The figure includes 1.83 million people from abroad.

A large security force monitored worshippers for the stoning after the slaughtering of sheep in a ritual for Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice, to recall Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son on God's order.

Most pilgrims did not sacrifice an animal themselves, but instead bought vouchers from the Saudi authorities who then forward meat in the form of aid to poor Muslims in other countries.

After the stoning ceremony, the pilgrims go to Mecca's Great Mosque for a "farewell visit" to the Kaaba, a cubeshaped structure into which is set the Black Stone, Islam's most sacred relic.

The hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam and must be performed at least once in a lifetime by all those who are able to make the journey.

Nigeria marks Muslim Eid amid fears of new attacks

DAMATURU (AFP) - Nigeria marked the Muslim feast of Eid el-Adha amid fears and tears as the US warned of possible new attacks after deadly blasts claimed by Islamists killed 150 people in the northeast of the country.

The attacks on week-end in Damaturu were among the deadliest ever carried out by Boko Haram, an Islamist sect based in the north of Africa's most populous country.

The US embassy in Nigeria warned that the sect could next attack hotels and other targets in the capital Abuja during the Muslim holiday.

Security was stepped up in Abuja, which has been a target of past extremist attacks, including the August 26 suicide bomb at the UN headquarters which claimed 24 lives.

Some 13,000 policemen and specialist anti-terror squads were deployed to mosques and churches and other strategic locations in the city, a police official said. Worshippers were screened by metal detectors before they entered some churches.

In the grief-stricken city of Damaturu where the 150 died, thousands of Muslims gathered for Eid el-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifices prayers at an open ground patrolled by dozens of armed police.

Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan, who described the wave of gun and bomb attacks in the capital of Yobe state as "heinous", appealed to Muslims to pray for peace in the country as they marked Eid.

While Christian churches and police were among the initial targets for the attacks, gunmen fired indiscriminately in the streets and Muslims and Christians alike were among those killed, local officials reported.

Eid celebrations in the sleepy and dusty city of Damaturu were low key on Sunday

Pope Benedict XVI appealed for an end to the violence, saying it did "not resolve problems but increases them, sowing hatred and divisions, even among the faithful."

The sect, which wants to see the establishment of an Islamic state in northern Nigeria, staged an uprising which was brutally put down by security forces in 2009.

Nigeria's more than 160 million people are divided almost in half between Muslims and Christians, living roughly in the north and south of the country respectively.





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International News

More than 500 die in Thai floods



Residents use sandbags to reinforce a flood barrier in the Thai capital Bangkok.

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BANGKOK (AFP) - The death toll from Thailand's worst floods in decades jumped above 500 on Sunday as the seemingly unstoppable waters crept deeper into Bangkok, swamping main roads and threatening the city centre.

The government said the disaster has now killed 506 people nationwide so far no deaths in Bangkok have been reported in the official toll.

At least 20 percent of the capital is already submerged in floodwater contaminated by rubbish, dead animals and industrial waste, raising fears about outbreaks of disease in the densely populated metropolis of 12 million people.

The slow-moving water is

now just a few kilometres (miles) away from business and tourist districts, and authorities are desperately seeking to push the floods through waterways in the east and west of the city and out to sea.

Amid mounting concern over the advancing waters, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said Bangkok's economic and political heartland risked only "minor and brief" flooding at most.

The floodwaters have already swamped the busy Lat Phrao intersection on the northern edge of the city centre.

Nearby Chatuchak weekend market -- a popular tourist attraction -- was open for business on Sunday but many traders stayed away after

watching several at-risk underground rail stations that might have to be shut down if the water level rises in the area, al-

though the service was operating normally on Sunday.

The floods, triggered by unusually heavy monsoon rains that began three months ago, have damaged the homes and livelihoods of millions

warnings from officials to be

on alert for possible inunda-

Authorities are also closely

across the kingdom.

In Bangkok, more than a million people have been told to evacuate 10 districts out of a total of 50 in the capital, and a partial evacuation order has been issued in five others.

But many have chosen to stay in their homes despite risks including electrocution, disease and lack of food and drinking water, complicating relief efforts.

Worst-hit residents have complained that their neighbourhoods are being sacrificed to save downtown Bangkok's shopping malls, luxury hotels and the houses of the wealthy elite, triggering protests and the destruction of some flood barriers.

The waters have also swamped Bangkok's number two airport Don Mueang, which usually serves mostly domestic destinations, but the kingdom's main air gateway Suvarnabhumi east of the city centre is operating as usual.

Thai authorities failed to save a number of major industrial parks from the floods, despite earlier assurances they would be protected.

The crisis is taking its toll on the lucrative Thai tourism industry, with countries including the United States, Britain, Singapore, Canada and the Netherlands advising against all but essential travel

Colombian rebels vow to fight on



file photo - Alfonso Cano

BOGATO (AFP) - Colombian leftist rebels vowed to continue their struggle, despite the death of their Marxist leader Alfonso Cano.

"Peace in Colombia will not come as a result of a demobilization of the rebel force, but as a result of eradication of the causes that had led to the rebellion," the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) said in a statement.

Cano, who had led the group since 2008, was gunned down in a firefight late Friday during a day-long operation in which his female companion also died, government and local officials said.

The operation taking out Cano was the latest in a string of recent military victories in the government's quest to eradicate Latin America's longest-running leftist insurgency, after years of unsuccessful attempts to find a negotiated solution.

Speaking after Cano's death, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos urged the rebels to surrender their arms and start talks with the government.

But the FARC statement said the group "has charted a policy, and that policy will continue."

The FARC acknowledged Cano's death, but promised that he will be replaced by people "with courage and absolute conviction in the final victory."

The FARC, believed to have 8,000 members, has been at war with the government since its launch in 1964.

Cano, whose real name was Guillermo Leon Saenz Vargas, assumed the leadership of the FARC in March 2008, after the death of Marulanda Velez.

Saudi king names Prince Salman to defence post

RIYADH (AFP) - King Abdullah on week-end named his half-brother Prince Salman, who is governor of Riyadh, as Saudi Arabia's defence minister to succeed the late Crown Prince Sultan, state television Al-Ekhbariya said.

Prince Sattam bin Abdul Aziz was appointed Riyadh's governor in Prince Salman's place, the report said, citing a series of royal decrees.

King Abdullah late last month named Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz as crown prince succeeding his brother Sultan, who died in a US hospital on October 22.

The appointment of Prince

Salman comes as Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, is holding negotiations with the United States on the final details of a 60-billion-dollar arms deal.

The Pentagon unveiled plans on October 20 last year for the sale to Saudi Arabia of 84 F-15 fighter jets, 70 Apache attack helicopters, 72 tactical Black Hawk helicopters and 36 light helicopters, as well as upgrades for 70 F-15s.

The delivery of the weapons to the kingdom, thought to be the largest single US arms sale ever, would be spread across 15 to 20 years.



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Introduction

N.V. ELECTRICITEIT-MAATSCHAPPIJ ARUBA ("ELMAR") intends to put out a tender for request for proposal, the project: Solar Park at Aruba Airport Authority (AAA).

The contracting party is:

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The address for all items to be submitted by Candidates is: solartender@elmar.aw unless otherwise indicated in the request for proposal ("RFP").

Brief description of the project

The Project Solar Park at Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) consist of the design, build, finance, operate and maintain a solar park at the Aruba Airport Authority N.V. based on a power purchase agreement to be entered with ELMAR.

Scope of the contract:

The scope of the Project is to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a solar park at the Aruba Airport Authority NV. The parking area owned and operated by the Aruba Airport Authority N.V. at the Aeropuerto Authority N.V. at the Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix has been selected as the site for the first solar park of ELMAR to be built on an existing parking lot. ELMAR's intention is for the electricity to be generated from the solar park in a capacity not to exceed 4 MW to be fed into the 12 kV grid of ELMAR. As a good corporate citizen ELMAR intends to further supplement Aruba's growing further supplement Aruba's growing electricity demands with clean energy generation by connecting to its grid one or more solar parks.

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Each Candidate will have the each Candidate will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning the RFP and the Draft Power Purchase Agreement. Questions can only be addressed by e-mail to Solartender@elmar.aw from the date of issuance of the RFP until 7 calendar days after the Pre-Bid-Meeting or during the Pre-Bid Meeting. ELMAR will send an automatic receipt confirmation notification upon receipt of the e-mail. There will be no further There will be no further correspondence until after 7 calendar days after the Pre-Bid-Meeting. Upon expiration of this term ELMAR will within 14 calendar days provide answers to all those parties who purchased a bid request package. The answers will be provided and in PDF format. The answers will be given without making a reference to the identity of the Candidate raising the question or clarification. ELMAR will provide answers to all questions received from all Candidates. All

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Pre-bid meeting

A Pre-bid Meeting shall be organized by ELMAR to explain the Project, the Tender Procedure, the RFP and the draft Power Purchase Agreement. The Candidate is invited to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting.

Submission of proposals

The Candidate must submit its Proposal to the attention of ELMAR on 02/14/2012 at 09:45 A.M. Aruba time ("Proposal Submission Date"). Proposals received after the Proposal Submission Date shall not be accepted. The envelopes will be opened by ELMAR on 02/14/2012 at 10:00 A.M. For the purpose of the bids a bid form is enclosed with the specifications, in conformity with the model bid form enclosed herewith. The bid forms must be dated and validly signed. ELMAR is not liable for proposals not received in time.

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Issuance of RFP

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The RFP shall be available at the following location:

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From 11/07/2011 to 12/05/2011 Monday to Friday From 08:00-12:00 (Please contact Mrs. Soraya Croes,Tel: (297) 523-7124)

In order to obtain a RFP the Candidate must: (i) pay a RFP request fee of Awg. 2,500; (ii) sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement; and (iii) submit proof of payment and signed Non-Disclosure Agreement to ELMAR on the dates listed above. Proof of payment shall be either receipt issued by ELMAR's cashier or a bank wire transfer confirmation. The RFP will be issued electronically in PDF format and issued

on a USB-stick or CD. As part of the environment preservation initiative of ELMAR the RFP shall not be issued in hard copy.

Selection and award criteria

The first phase of the evaluation of the Proposals will be a check of Proposals by the notary. This will be a verification of the physical completeness of the Proposal as well as a verification of compliance with the documents required as stated in this RFP. A non-compliant proposal will be excluded from further evaluation.

The second phase of the evaluation will be a check of knock-out criteria. This will include a check of compliance with the technical and financial minimum criteria as stated in the RFP and the information related to experience/other projects as stated in this RFP. A non-compliant proposal will be excluded from further evaluation.

The remaining proposals will be evaluated with respect to their content by ELMAR. Evaluation will take place based on the following: (i) Compliance of the Tender Procedure with the conditions of the specifications; (ii) Technical design, consideration of local conditions, quality, and compatibility with equipment as per ELMAR standards of the offered equipment and plants; (iii) The lowest kWh price over the total period of the Power Purchase Agreement; (iv) The quality and soundness of the business plan; (v) Quality of architectural design, esthetics; (vi) The anticipated capacity of the installation to withstand the extreme corrosive atmosphere of Aruba and the warranties as such given by the Candidate; (vii) Anticipated reliability and availability of the offered Plant as well as its guarantees for operation and maintenance; (viii) Guarantees, warranties and assurances provided by the Candidate in its Proposal.

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ELMAR is committed to protect the environment, health and safety of its employees, customers and community. This relationship with the environment is manifested in the operations whereby ELMAR strives to use environmentally safe products and in case we have hazardous products, these are responsibly stored according to local and international regulations until they are shipped and properly disposed of. The incorporation of Solar PV electricity generation into the grid system is expected to enhance grid efficiency by reducing electricity transportation losses and will help to make Aruba less dependent on imported fuel oils. ELMAR is a subsidiary of Utilities Aruba N.V. and is located in Aruba.



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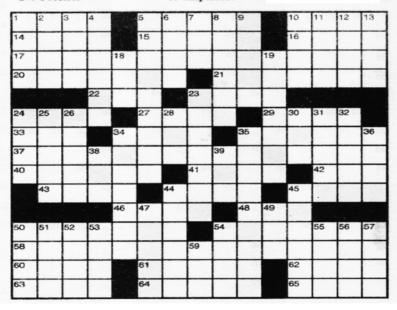
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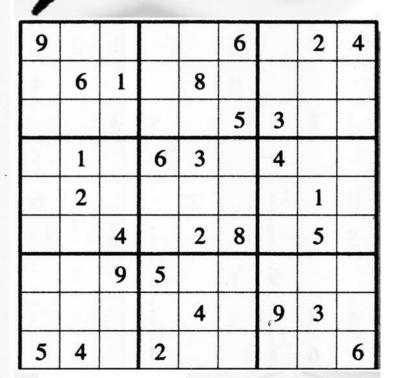
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Panama 'categorically' rejects tax haven label

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - The Panamanian government "categorically" rejected French President Nicolas Sarkozy's "unfair" and "offensive" characterization of the country as a tax haven.

"I assume this must have been a mistake and I hope that in the coming days, when his ministers teach him that Panama does not meet all the requirements for being a tax haven, that he corrects himself immediately."said Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli.

Foreign Minister Roberto Henriquez added that the government "categorically rejects that our country is a tax haven," adding that the G20 was "looking for scapegoats to cover its financial mismanagement at the edge of a crisis."

On week-end Sarkozy named 11 countries that fail to meet transparency standards, including Panama, Uruguay and Switzerland, warning that they will be "shunned by the international community."

Speaking at the close of the G20 summit in Cannes, he said the group would now publish an updated list of uncooperative tax havens at each of its summits.

Henriquez said the G20 assessment was made "before

considering the recent progress made by Panama on fiscal transparency, with the signing of 12 double taxation treaties, most of them with G20 members," such as France.

Over the past two years, Panama has signed double taxation agreements with Barbados, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Qatar and the United States.

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IMF chief takes Europe rescue talks to Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) - International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde takes her European rescue talks to petrodollar-rich Russia today before visiting Asian giants China and Japan.

Lagarde's two-day stay in Moscow -- her first official foreign trip outside the European Union -- will include talks with President Dmitry Medvedev and meetings at the finance ministry and the central bank.

The Kremlin said the European public debt crisis will dominate negotiations just as it had done at the recently concluded Group of 20 summit in Cannes.

Resource-rich Russia has resisted offering direct assis-

preferred to funnel funds or other measures through the safer investment mechanisms made available by the IMF. But Medvedev's top economic adviser said that even

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But Medvedev's top economic adviser said that even the extra funding being negotiated with Lagarde's agency would be limited to \$10 billion -- a token figure when compared to the \$100 billion being discussed with China.

Strong prices for Russia's energy exports have left

Moscow in a prime position to make European investments that help revive important market demand.

Economists note however that the Russian government only has about \$100 billion left in its special rainy-day fund after spending most of it on recovery measures from the 2008-2009 crisis.

The \$520 billion in international reserves held by the central bank meanwhile are mostly invested in low-risk government bonds rather than the high-yield debt available from struggling nations such as Italy and Greece.

Lagarde herself said at the G20 summit that her organisation could not directly help fill the new eurozone rescue fund -- known by its acronym EFSF -- because the IMF only strikes agreements with individual countries.

Occupy protesters arrested after New York skirmish

NEW YORK (AFP) - Twenty Occupy Wall Street protesters have been arrested after getting into a skirmish with police trying to clear their anti-corporate greed demonstration off the sidewalks, officials said.

"Most of them were arrested for disorderly conduct, three were arrested for assaulting police officers," a New York Police Department spokeswoman said.

The incidents took place Saturday afternoon at Foley Square in lower Manhattan, an area dotted with administrative buildings including the local district court and the New York State Court of Appeals. Police had asked protesters to clear several sidewalks and the steps of the appeals court, according to witnesses.

The NYPD spokeswoman could not confirm how many of the 20 protesters had since been released.

The movement that began in Manhattan's Zuccotti Park in September, inspiring similar anti-Wall Street demonstrations across the United States and abroad, organizes neardaily protests.

Week-end's demo was billed as an action against the speculation and greed of banks, and hundreds of people participated.

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Jackson jury fails to agree verdict on first day

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The jury in the manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray failed to reach a verdict on its first day of deliberations, and will reconvene this week.

The seven men and five women went home and will resume their reflections today on whether the 58-year-old medic is guilty of involuntary manslaughter over the star's June 25, 2009 death.

Jackson fans had hoped for a quick verdict in the case after what the prosecution claims was an overwhelming case against Murray, while the late star's sister La Toya said she hoped the jury will "do the right thing."

But after some seven hours of deliberations, barring a break for lunch, they had not reached a decision on the sole charge Murray faces at the trial, which began six weeks ago. "The jury has concluded deliberations for today and will resume on Monday, Nov. 7, at approximately 8:30 am" (1630 GMT), said a court statement.

Murray faces up to four years in jail if convicted over Jackson's death from an overdose of propofol, given to help him sleep at his home in Los Angeles where he was rehearsing a series of comeback shows in London.

The jury began considering its verdict after a day of drama Thursday, when prosecution and defense lawyers presented their closing arguments at the trial, which began on September 27.

The jury heard 49 witnesses in all -- 33 for the prosecution, and 16 for the defense.

While jurors debated behind closed doors the court was packed with reporters and Jackson fans waiting for any clue.



Penha debuts glamorous new fragrance from Elie Saab



Patricia Martinez Sr Area Mgr Essence Corp and Elie Saab

His fashions have earned him the description as "artisan of the sublime" and "couture is the raison d'être of famed de-



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signer Elie Saab," whose first signature scent was unveiled during a glittering Aruba launch at Palm Beach Plaza Saturday, November 5.

"I like "womanly women" who twirl their dresses with desire and pride," Saab has expressed about his work, and his upbringing instilled his talent for "sharpening women's sensuality while respecting their elegance-never let the magic waiver."

"Enveloping and subtle," his signature L'eau de Parfum, created by Francis Kurkdjian, "is an homage to the designer's universe. "What I found fascinating in working for Elie Saab," recalls Kurkdjian, "was the idea of interpret-



ing light. I didn't have any specific images in mind, just sensations; the whiteness of the sun at its zenith, radiating femininity-a modern interpretation of voluptuousness."

Composed as an ode to light, Elie Saab Le Parfum "celebrates the splendor and brilliance of the radiant femininity with a floral solar woody theme. The permanent exchange between flowers and wood is what give the fragrance such a captivating res-



Penha owner with team

onance." First notes of orange blossom amplified by the sumptuous quality of jasmines are enriched with the gentle shading of a very pure "patchouli heart." This is filled out by a cedar woody accord, "which gives the floral notes new density."

Patricia Martinez, Senior Area Manager for Essence Corp, regional representatives of Elie Saab, was on island for the glittering launch, and attendees were properly impressed with the elegant and addicting new scent, which is exclusively available at Penha stores.



Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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Yalla Yalla literally means "fast," as these are the sort of dishes those from the region will enjoy when they want to grab a quick meal. The menu is more than reasonably priced, with a generous portion of tender Beef Shish Kabab or Shrimp Kabab, for those with a taste for seafood, costing only \$14.50.

A hefty serving of Lamb Shoarma is only \$12; Chicken Shoarma \$8, and the portions are big enough to share. Classic Middle Eastern side dishes such a Tabouleh and Hummus are served with freshly made pita bread; great for starters or a late night snack.

Yalla Yalla sports a lovely open air terrace, perfect for people watching, and is



attached to the South Beach Lounge, were their singular snacks are also served.

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US TV curmudgeon Rooney dies at 92

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Andy Rooney, a US television legend famed for his weekly rants on "60 Minutes," who retired just a month ago, died following complications after minor surgery, his former employer said Saturday. He was 92.

"Words cannot adequately express Andy's contribution to the world of journalism and the impact he made -- as a colleague and friend -- upon everyone at CBS," Leslie Moonves, president and CEO of CBS Corporation, said in tribute.

Four-time Emmy winner Rooney targeted everything from politics to pennies in curmudgeonly three-minute essays that concluded every edition of "60 Minutes," the longest running news magazine on US television.

His 1,097th and final essay aired on October 2.

A fixture of US television since the 1950s, Rooney has delighted and annoyed in equal measure, using the final minutes of each "60 Minutes" program to vent on everything from politics to pennies.



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"This is what the celebrity game is all about," commented Shawn, "and what we hope the Aruban youth to absorb. Healthy bodies and healthy minds; we hope to encourage physical fitness, but they should also pursue their studies and go as far as they can in school, as well."

by Rosalie Klein

Messi saves Barca as Real thrash Osasuna 7-1

MADRID (AFP) - Lionel Messi saved Barcelona's blushes with an injury-time equaliser in a 2-2 draw away at Athletic Bilbao Sunday as Real Madrid stretched their lead at the top of the Spanish league with a 7-1 drubbing of Osasuna.

In the rain-hit Basque country Ander Herrera opened the scoring for Athletic only for Cesc Fabregas to pull Barca level on 24 minutes.

When Barca defender Gerard Pique put the ball into his own net with 10 minutes remaining, Athletic looked all set to hand the European champions their first league defeat of the season.

In a frantic finish to the match, however, Messi made the most of a defensive mistake to pounce on a loose ball and score his first goal away from the Nou Camp this season.

Earlier, Real Madrid had a much easier task when Cristiano Ronaldo's hat-trick was the centre piece of a 7-1 hammering of helpless Osasuna, who have already been beaten 8-0 by Barcelona in mid-September.

It means Real, on 28, lead Barcelona (25) by three points with Valencia (24) in third a point further adrift.

The rain had fallen all day in Bilbao but the conditions did not affect the quality of football as both sides looked for the win from start to finish.

Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes had already been called into action by the time Herrera opened the scoring on 20 minutes with a curling left-footed shot after great work from Markel Susaeta down the left.

The advantage lasted only

four minutes, Fabregas getting on the end of a left-wing cross from Eric Abidal to equalise with a looping header.

Barca looked the more likely winners with Messi and Andres Iniesta going close before Bilbao got their second.

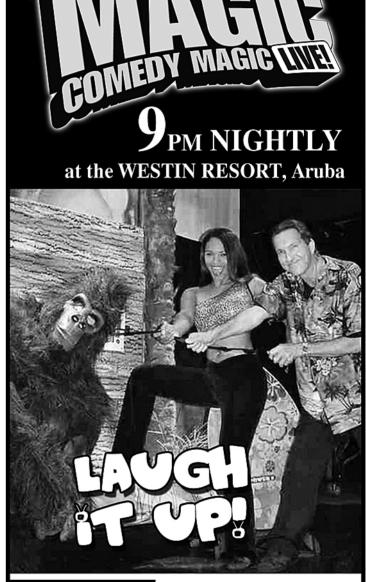
It came with ten minutes remaining from an unfortunate mix-up in the Barcelona defence at a Bilbao corner. When Abidal tried to clear the ball it rebounded off Fernando Llorente before then hitting Pique and the back of the net.

A similar lack of clarity in the Bilbao defence gave Messi a chance to even the game and the Argentine was well placed to drill the ball low into the corner of the net to salvage a point for the Catalans.

Real's drubbing of Osasuna made it ten straight wins for Jose Mourinho's side, with Gonzalo Higuain, Pepe and two from substitute Karim Benzema adding to Ronaldo's

Osasuna had levelled through Ibrahima Balde early in the match but had Eneko Satrustegui sent off for a second yellow card in the 54th minute with the score already

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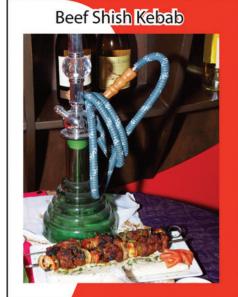
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sive coordinator for the Penn State Nittany Lions was arrested Saturday on 40 varying counts of sexual exploitation of a minor in Centre County, PA. The victims were all reported to be young boys. He was released on \$100,000 unsecured bail.

Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, Penn State vice president for finance and business, were charged with failure to report what they knew, as required by law, and perjury.

Longtime head coach Joe Paterno, who has more victories than any coach in the history of Division I football, was not charged, authorities said.

When Mr Paterno first learned of one report of abuse he immediately reported it to Curley, prosecutors said.

Authorities identified eight young men who were targets of sexual advances or assaults

by Sandusky from 1994 through 2009, before a Clinton County, Pa., woman filed charges with police, accusing Sandusky of sexually assaulting her 12-year old son.

Sandusky allegedly even used his volunteer coaching job at a Pennsylvania high school, from which he was barred in 2009, to continue preying on a victim he had been abusing for years, the grand jury report said.

If the charges against the Penn State officials are proven to be true, the university's lack of action would be a shocking contrast to the high school's quick response.

"This is a case about a sexual predator who used his position within the university and community to repeatedly prey on young boys," Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly said in a statement.

NBA players reject new proposal

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA commissioner David Stern says the owners are willing to give the players 51 percent of basketball revenues as part of a new proposal presented during a lengthy round of talks.

But the players seemed to reject the offer, saying their "good faith" efforts to end the NBA lockout fell on deaf ears during more than eight hours of negotiations that stretched late into the night Saturday.

"Today was another sad day for our fans, for arena workers, our parking lot attendants, our vendors. Very frustrating, sad day," union president Derek Fisher said.

"We, for sure, unequivocally, made good faith efforts to try to get this deal done tonight. And we're at a loss for why we could not close it out."

Stern hinted that if the players don't accept the deal by Wednesday, the owners could take a harder line in talks and move the revenue split to just 47 percent for the players.

Stern said he wasn't giving the players a Wednesday ultimatum, just trying to get the talks moving. He said the next step is to put the latest recommendations in writing and present it to the players.

Fisher and the union's lawyer Jeffrey Kessler weren't happy with the latest proposal from the owners putting the

already shortened season at risk of being called off.

Billionaire owners claim 22 of 30 clubs lost money last season at a total cost of \$300 million and seek salary cuts as well as a firm salary cap that they say would help promote parity.

Players feel their proposal has already provided owners with enough money to avoid losses and they want to keep an exception-filled salary cap system, trying to maximize money for average players as well as stars even after cuts.

Reports of division among players surfaced after talks broke off last week.

Some players have looked into decertifying the union, a move that would push the stalemate into the US courts and likely ensure a full wipeout of the NBA season simply because of the length of time it would take in the legal system.

NBA owners have threatened to seek a court ruling that would void all current NBA player contracts if the union is decertified, although the move would allow players to file an anti-trust lawsuit against the league.

To decertify the NBA union, 30 percent of the NBA's 439 players must sign a petition to do so, setting up a vote among all players in which a majority would have to agree to the move.



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Doors open at 7:30 P.M. and will begin with the Home Run Derby, with the game scheduled to start at 8:30 P.M; loca-



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made last week, with representatives from sponsors, Holiday Inn, which will provide lodging for the Major League baseball luminaries participating in the fundraising softball games. Major League players can only play baseball for their teams, so exhibition games will be softball. Players confirming they will be on Aruba to participate are: Andruw Jones, Hensley Meulens, Roger Bernadina, Bobby Abreu, Andres Gal-Omar laraga, Infante, Vladimir Guerrero, Pablo Sandoval, and Miguel Cabrera. Present at the announcement were two young players from Aruba, Xander Bogaerts (shortstop) and Shawn Zarraga (catcher), who play for the minor teams of the

Boston Red Sox and Milwau-

kee Brewers, respectively;

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Minister Visser and Joselito Alberts

Shawn and Xander were part of The Netherlands baseball team which just made history winning the World Cup final in Panama in October, after beating Cuba 2-1.

It is the first time a European team has won the title since Britain in 1938. The two players took some time out from their busy schedule to coach the pre-League League team sponsored by Infinity

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